member two weeks' time to go through the manuscripts. The members have not yet finished their perusal of the manuscripts.

Applications for Admission into the Engineering subordinate class.

216. Mr. C. R. Iyyunni.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) whether there is not a seat in the Engineering subordinate class besides the two seats in the Engineering College in Madras;

(2) whether the Director of Public Instruction has not notified in the Gazette, dated 15th Meenam 1111 for application for admission into the Engineering subordinate class;

(3) how many applicants were there for this class;

(4) who was selected?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon.—(1) Yes.

(2) Yes.

(3) One.

(4) No one was selected as it was decided not to avail of the seat in question.

Financial position of Messrs. Dalal and Co., Ltd., Chandrie and Co., Ltd., and Ramal and Co., Ltd.

217. Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) whether they have inquired about the financial positions of Messrs. Dalal and Co., Ltd., Chandrie and Co., Ltd., and Ramal and Co., Ltd.;

(2) if so, what is the financial position of each?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar.—(1) and (2). Government are satisfied that the financial positions of Messrs. Dalal and Co., Ltd., Chandrie and Co., Ltd., and Ramal and Co., Ltd., are perfectly sound.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Will the Government be pleased to inform the House as to what the share capital of these companies are?

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Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar.—I must ascertain the information. I want notice.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Are not Messrs. Dalal and Chandrie also private limited companies?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar.—Yes.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Without knowing their position as to how much they have as share capital and such other things how do the Government know that they are perfectly sound?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar.—They know that their position is sound.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Is it a fact that these companies have got only nominal capital?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar.—Yes. The soundness of a company depends not upon its capital alone.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—May I know what else governs the soundness of a company other than its share capital?

Mr. President.—You can state only the facts.

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar.—I have already answered the question.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—The question was only just now put.

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar.—The details I do not know.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Why is it that big families like that of Mr. Alagappa Chettiar form companies with only a small capital?

Mr. President.—He has no knowledge about it.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Is it not with an idea to see that their family properties may not be liable?

Mr. President.—That is asking for an expression of opinion which cannot be answered by the Government.

Under-graduate Officers drawing a salary of Rs. 60 and above.

218. **Mr. K. S. Manickam.**—Will the Government be pleased to place on the Council Table a list of under-graduates

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